

This note is presented in the hope of encouraging further improvement of the method. A special type of container might be designed to dispense the plastic in variable quantities according to the need. Furthermore, technical supervision is required to maintain the various components in a moisture-free condition, otherwise the plastic may become milky instead of transparent upon drying. This fact might render the method impractical for many herbaria, but some commercial house might stock the preparation ready for use were the demand sufficient.

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DALEA ALOPECUROIDES ON PLUM ISLAND, ESSEX COUNTY, MASSACHUSETTS.—On September 3, 1950, while birding on Plum Island in the region known as "Hellcat Swamp," I noticed an unfamiliar legume. Taking the specimen, which grew in sandy soil four miles south of the Plum Island Causeway, I found it was apparently *Dalea alopecuroides*. The identification was confirmed by Dr. L. M. Perry of the Arnold Arboretum, and the plant added to the Essex County herbarium. Gray's Manual, 8th edition, gives the range as "adventive east to New York," but Dr. Stuart Harris kindly informs me that there are two previous stations from the state, one on South Boston flats, the other in the Arboretum, and that the Plum Island plant is the first known outside of metropolitan Boston. Since this area is not much travelled and the thickets sometimes yield species of birds rare or accidental in the state, one may speculate whether the seeds were brought in by their agency.—DOROTHY E. SNYDER, Peabody Museum, Salem.

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